should be undertaken immediately, Karnataka Electricity Board connections are to be expedited for phase 1 water supply schemes, NGOs need to be oriented on the latrine technologies and their costs for effective marketing, promotional literature needs to be produced and made available to them. Designs and specifications are required to be formulated for single pit latrines, steps need to be taken to ensure availability of pans, demonstration latrines are to be constructed at gram panchayat offices or other suitable places and concurrent evaluation should be organised on latrine usage and other important aspects. The Team also suggested better utilisation of funds to complete the project in time.

Encroachments in Government colonies

356. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to detect the persons responsible for encroachments like taxi stands, shops and religious structures in Government colonies in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Taxi Stands : 4 nos.

Shops : 406 nos.

Religious structures : 56 nos.

(c) Cases have been reported to local bodies, Directorate of Estates and police for removal of encroachments. Legal action under Unauthorised Premises Eviction Act is being taken against the encroachers. Help of special Task force constituted by Delhi Government is also being taken in this regard.

Building Collapse at Dadar Railway Station

357. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY :
SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a parcel depot building at platform No. 6 of Dadar Railway station in Mumbai had collapsed on October 21,1997;

(b) if so, the causes of such collapse;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured as a result thereof ;

(d) the compensation given to the victims;

(e) whether the said building was declared unsafe;

(f) whether any responsibility has been fixed for poor maintenance of the said building;

(g) if so, the details thereof ; and

(h) the action taken against the persons held responsible ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Prima facie it is poor design and failure of the Senior Sectional Engineer to maintain the structure. Commissioner of Railway Safety,Mumbai Circle is holding a Statutory inquiry and he has engaged an expert to help him in arriving at the cause of this incident. The report is awaited.

(c) Eleven persons died and 81 were injured.

(d) An exgratia Payment of Rs. 50,000/- each to the next of kin of deseased; Rs.10,000/- each to those injured and Rs.500 each those suffered minor injuries were paid by the Railways.

(e) No,Sir.

(f) to (h) The Senior Sectional Engineer and Junior Engineer in charge for the maintenance have been placed under suspension. Responsibility could be fixed after receipt of the Enquiry Report.

Production of Wagons

358. SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether only 5 per cent of the total requirement of wagons for Railways is being placed through the wagons India Limited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the conversion charges which the industry got were only 15 per cent of the total price of a wagon and 85 per cent was the cost of the material supplied by the Railways;

(d) whether the Railways supplied steel and other inputs free of cost to other suppliers of wagons by revising the terms of contract; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?